

Sunday, December 3, 2017: 4th Week of Advent: St. Nicholas (26th Sunday after Pentecost)

Welcome: Spend some time checking in with the students.

Opening Prayer: “Our Father” – see poster board

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 – *****TODAY IS CHILDREN’S HOMILY! Listen to Gospel in Church and hold small blue candles.**

Lesson: 4th Week of Advent: St. Nicholas

- St. Nicholas was a bishop in the city of Myra in Lycea.
- St. Nicholas loved people, especially children, and was always willing to help them
- He would deliver gifts to those in need when everyone was asleep so they wouldn’t know where the gifts came from.
- Many miracles also happened through St. Nicholas. One time he was sailing on a ship and a great storm broke out. Through St. Nicholas’ prayers, the storm calmed down and no one was hurt. People’s prayers have also been answered when they asked for St. Nicholas’ help through prayer.
- Through St. Nicholas’ life, we learn how to be generous to and love others, especially children and those who are in need.

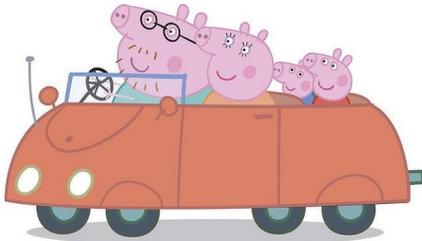
Craft: Stockings for St. Nicholas’ Feast Day

- Materials: Felt in various colours, coloured yarn, a big needle, stickers, glitter glue, picture of St. Nicholas.
- How To: If starting from scratch, cut out a stocking shape from two pieces of felt and sew them together with the coloured yarn, leaving the top open. Colour and paste the icon of St. Nicholas on the stocking. Decorate stockings with stickers, glitter glue, and anything else you’d like. Now they’re ready for St. Nicholas to fill them up on Dec. 6!

End of Class: Hand out “Car Qs” to children, and “Cheat Sheet” to parents.

Car Qs

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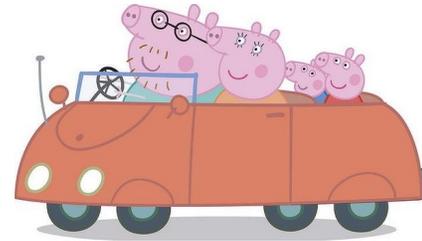
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2. What day do we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas?
3. What does St. Nicholas' life teach us?

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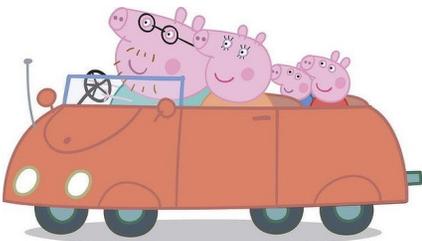
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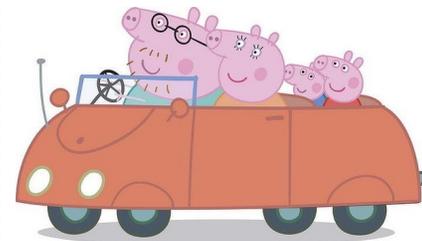
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Parents' Cheat Sheet - Car Qs
Dec. 3/17, 4th Week of Pylypivka - St. Nicholas (26th Sunday after Pentecost)

1. Who was St. Nicholas?

1. St. Nicholas was a bishop in the city of Myra in Lycia, called the “wonder-worker.”
2. St. Nicholas loved people, especially children, and worked to serve those in need.
3. He would deliver gifts to those in need when everyone was asleep so no one would know where the gifts came from.
 1. This is where we get the tradition of Santa Claus, a man who delivers gifts while everyone is asleep.
4. Many miracles have also occurred through St. Nicholas' prayers. One such instance was while he was sailing and a great storm broke out. Through his prayers, the storm ceased and no one was harmed.
 1. Miracles have also happened through St. Nicholas' intercession, so if you have a problem you're dealing with, perhaps you might like to try asking St. Nicholas for his prayers.

2. What day do we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas?

1. December 6th (in the Julian/Old calendar we celebrate St. Nicholas on December 19th)
2. December 6th, 343 was the day St. Nicholas died.
3. On this day it is customary to have gifts appear from St. Nicholas, a testament to his life and kindness.

3. What does St. Nicholas' life teach us?

1. To love with God with all our heart, life, and soul.
2. If we love God in this way we are able to truly love others. We show this love by serving and praying for those in need.
3. Through our faith great and amazing things can happen.

Together say the prayer we said in church today:

The fruit of your good works, O holy Father,
has brought joy to the hearts of the faithful.

Who indeed has not heard of your wonderful works, and not admired your patience and humility, the joy with which you fill the poor, and the compassion that you show to the afflicted?

You have truly been an admirable example for us all. And now that your unfading crown had been placed on you, O holy Nicholas, pray for the souls of us servants.

Amen.